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Letter dated 24 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on 23 January 2013 with regard to Security Council resolution 2087 (2013) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and the annex thereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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The Democratic People's Republic of Korea's successful launch of satellite "Kwangmyongsong 3-2" in December last year fully demonstrated its space science and technology and its overall national power. This is a stark fact favoured by the world and recognized even by hostile forces, including the United States.

In the wake of desperate efforts on the part of the United States and its followers to block the victorious advance of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, they cooked up a "resolution" of the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday in wanton violation of the inviolable sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The United States-sponsored "resolution" is run with hostile steps aiming at banning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's satellite launch for peaceful purposes and tightening "sanctions" against it to block its economic development and hamstring its effort for developing the economy and bolstering up defence capability.

The above-mentioned countries insist that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's satellite launch is problematic, asserting that "it uses ballistic missile technology", although they know better than any others about the fact that ballistic missile technology is the only means for launching satellites, and they launch satellites more than any others. This is self-deception and the height of double standards.

The essence of the matter is the brigandish logic of the United States that a satellite launch for peaceful purposes by a country which the United States antagonizes should not be allowed because any carrier rocket launched by it can be converted into a long-range ballistic missile threatening the United States.

The Security Council is a marionette of the United States. The Security Council "resolutions" adopted under the pretext of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's satellite launches are products of its blind pursuance of the hostile policy of the United States seeking the disarmament of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the collapse of its social system in violation of universally accepted international law. Repeating wrongdoings without the courage or responsibility to rectify them is the despicable behaviour of cowards deceiving themselves and others. They are putting the peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in the region at greater peril.

The present situation clearly proves that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea should counter the United States hostile policy with strength, not with words, and that the road of independence and *Songun* chosen by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is entirely just.

To cope with the prevailing situation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Foreign Ministry declares as follows.

First, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea flatly rejects the unjust acts of the Security Council aimed at wantonly violating the sovereignty of the

Democratic People's Republic of Korea and depriving it of the right to launch satellites for peaceful purposes.

The hostile forces are seriously mistaken if they think they can bring down the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with sanctions and pressure, and such an attempt will always bring them a disgraceful defeat.

The Security Council should apologize for its crime of seriously encroaching upon the independence of a sovereign State, following the United States policy hostile to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in disregard of universally recognized international law, and repeal all the unreasonable "resolutions" at once.

Second, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will continue to exercise its independent and legitimate right to launch satellites for peaceful purposes while abiding by universally recognized international law on the use of space for peaceful purposes.

Scientists and technicians of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will develop and launch many more application satellites, including communications satellites, and more powerful carrier rockets essential for building an economic giant in the same spirit and mettle as were displayed in the successful launching of the satellite "Kwangmyongsong 3-2".

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will continuously launch satellites for peaceful purposes to conquer space and become a world-level power.

Third, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea drew a final conclusion that the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula is impossible unless the denuclearization of the world is realized, as it has now become clear that the United States policy hostile to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea remains unchanged.

The 19 September joint statement adopted at the six-party talks on the principle of respect for sovereignty and equality has now become defunct, and the prospects for the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula have become gloomier, due to the United States hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that has become ever more pronounced.

There may be talks for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in the region in the future, but no talks for the denuclearization of the peninsula.

Fourth, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will take steps for physical counteraction to bolster the military capabilities for self-defence, including the nuclear deterrence, both qualitatively and quantitatively, to cope with the ever more undisguised moves of the United States to apply sanctions and pressure against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The revolutionary armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will reliably defend the security and sovereignty of the country and safeguard regional peace and stability with the might of *Songun*. They are full of the steadfast will to take a bold step to root out the source of provocations that the hostile forces seek to continue against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

No force on Earth can block the progress of the great people proud of independence, powerful thanks to *Songun* politics and united closely on the basis of truth.